passed the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess (Amendment) Bill, 1991.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution.

I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

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12.00 NOON

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE

Appropriation Accounts (Telecommunication Services) for the year 1989-90

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table, under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Appropriation Accounts (Telecommunication Services) for the year 1989-90. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—790/91]

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE INDIAN SCHOOL OF MINES DHANBAD

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): Madam, I beg to move the following Motion :—

> "That in pursuance of the provisions contained in clauses (ii) to (iv) of rule 4 read with clause (iii) of rule 15 of the Rules and Regulations of the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the General Council of the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

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MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COURT OF THE ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): Madam, I beg to move the following Motion:—

> "That in pursuance of item (xxiv) of clause (1) of statute 14 of the Statutes of the Aligarh Muslim University, as amended by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1981 (62 of 1981), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House, to be a member of the Court of the Aligarh Muslim University."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR RE: CALLING OFF OF STRIKE BY SERVICE DOCTORS IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL BY RAJYA SABHA

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members I have to make an announcement... (*Interruptions*)... Just a minute. Let me make my announcement and then I will permit you to make yours... (*Interruptions*)... Somethin- very good happened yesterday and was noted

[The Deputy Chairman]

from this House. So, we have to report back to the House about it. The hon. Members will recall that the House had joined the Minister for Health and Family Welfare in appealing to the striking doctors to return to work and the Health and Family Welfare Minister had responded to this gesture by assuring that there would be no victimisation and all the demands of the striking doctors would be considered sympathetically with an open mind. I am happy to announce that the striking doctors have called off their strike and met the hon. Minister last evening in the presence of the leaders of all the parties of this House. This consensus developed in this House has helped in solving a seemingly intractable problem which was causing avoidable inconvenience to the patients. This is a good augury and I hope such a cooperative and constructive endeavour will be in evidence in future also on matters of public interest.

मिनिस्टर साहब, आप इस बारे में कुछ कहेंगे ?

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : इस स्ट्राइक को खत्म करने के लिए हम लोग मिनिस्टर साहब को बधाई देते हैं ।

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): Madam, Deputy Chairman, in response to the consensus of the House, I made a personal appeal and I was very happy to note that this august House unanimously endorsed that appeal and the striking doctors have called off their strike yesterday. By this gesture this House, which is called the House of Elders, has demonstrated its strength and resillence. I have already stated that it was not a question of prestige for me. It was only a question of principle that the doctors should attend to the care of the patients and I would attend to their problems. I stand by that. In accordance with that view, the doctors have called off their strike and they met me last evening in the presence of important leaders of the various political parties. I am happy to note that Shri Sikander Bakht of the BJP, Shri Upendra of the Telugu Desam, Shri S. S. Ahluwalia of the Congress (I), Mr. Somnath Chatterjee of the LF and Mr. Hari Kishore Singh of the Janata Dal were present when the doctors met me. I have told them that I will examine their problems with an open mind and I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of this House for giving me total co-operation in this regard.

I must say that during my service of thirty or thirty-five years either in politics or public administration, I have learnt one thing and it is that there is no problem which cannot be solved amicably. And, I have also learnt one thing more that we should not make compromises, but we should make settlements. I am a firm believer in that and with that view I will personally start tomorrow to talk to these doctors who have called off their strike and personally look into those matters. Thank you, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Now we can hope that the same spirit in which the doctors have called off their strike will prevail and we will hope to have the same consensus for any other strike that may be taking place in this country. Let us hope so.

RE. PRESENCE OF AN AK-47 RIFLE AMIDST LUGGAGE AT JAIPUR AIRPORT

डा० अबरार अहमद (राजस्थान) : मैडम, मैं एक बहुत महत्वपूर्ण बात आपके माध्यम से सरकार को बताना चाहता हूं । उपसभापति महोदया, यह तो सुना है कि ए०के० 47 राइफल आतंकवादियों के पास मिलती हैं... (**व्यवधान**)... लेकिन जयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर कुछ दिन पूर्व